

Applicant(s): Buijtenhuijs, et al.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS*	13	20	0	x 9 =	\$0	x 18 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	3	0	x 42 =	\$0	x 84 =	\$0
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				140		280	\$0

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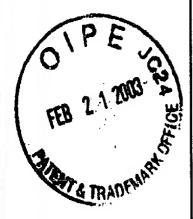
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002 (the "Office Action"), applicants respectfully submit this response in order to request reconsideration of the rejections and objections contained therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, asserting that the specification is not enabling because it "fails to describe regenerating the treatment material such that the hydrophobic substance is not freed therefrom. . . . " (See Office Action at page 2 (emphasis in original).)

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